monitored through the Central Advisory Committee headed by Secretary (WCD). The States/UTs have also set up Coordination Committees for effective enforcement of the Immoral Traffick (Prevention) Act, 1956 through regular raids, the rescue of prostitutes/child prostitutes and the protection and the counselling and rehabilitation of the rescued persons.

Grants to madarsas

†5449. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants provided by Goverment during the last ten years to madarsas being run by the Muslim community in the country, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have the information as to their management their syllabus and their annual financial expenditure and from where the same becomes available;

(c) whether provisions of Government grants to educational institutions of a particular community violates the secular principles of the constitution, whether such grant is provided to institutions of any other community also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Since 1993-94, the Central Government has been implementing a scheme for the modernization of madarsa education. Its objective is to encourage traditional institutions like madarsas and maktabs to teach subjects as Science, Maths, English, Hindi, and Social Studies alongside the tradition curriculum. The expenditure incurred on the scheme since 1993-94 is as follows:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1993-94	3.04
1994-95	18.99
1995-96	120.07
1996-97	241.15
1997-98	173.26

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1998-99	673.85
1999-2000	460.76
2000-2001	661.11
2001-2002	201.08

(b) No record of such information is Centrally maintained. Some madaras are registered with appropriate body, etc. of the concerned State Government.

(c) and (d) Under the scheme for the modernisation of madarsa education, grants are provided to madarsas only to teach modern secular subjects as mentioned above. No grants are provided for any religious education to any community.

Madarsas in the country

†5450. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether madarsas in the country are being run by only the Muslim community and whether only Muslim children study therein;

(b) whether these madarsas are imparting education about, Islam and Koran;

(c) whether Government have any control in appointing teachers and in formulating syllabus thereof; and

(d) what is the justification for providing grants to them every year when these are run by the minority community only and for imparting Islamic education only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Madarsas are traditional Islamic religious educational institutions.

(c) The Central Government neither appoints teachers in madarsas nor formulates syllabi for them. These activities, in the madarsas supervised by them, are the responsibility of the concerned State Government.

(d) This Ministry implements only a scheme for the Modernization of Madarsa Education. Its objective is to encourage traditional institutions

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